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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Hage et al (U.S. 2003/0232732) or Hage et al. (U.S. 2003/0230736). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection. Both Hages describe the ligand wherein R1 and R2 are as in, see for instance Hage '732, column 1, paragraph 11 to column 2, paragraph 18. Neither Hage teaches ligand "wherein at least one of R1 and R2 is a non-aromatic hydrocarbon group; the hydrocarbon group being a C8-C22 alkyl chain," as presently claimed. As can be seen from the results on pages 33 and 34 of the specification, the R1, R2 substitution according to the present invention results in a critical difference in removal of stains.

With respect to obviousness, applicants also attach the statement of Common Ownership.

With respect to the double-patenting rejection, in light of the availability of Terminal Disclaimer practice, applicants agree to the filing of the Terminal Disclaimer upon an indication of the allowable subject matter.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that the application be allowed to issue.

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If a telephone conversation would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of the present application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone at the number provided.

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STATEMENT OF COMMON OWNERSHIP (35 U.S.C. §103(c))

The present application, serial number 10/576,649 and U.S. Patent applications 10/454,441 and 10/454,442 were, at the time of the invention of application serial number 10/576,649 was made, owned by or subject to obligation of assignment to the same person.

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